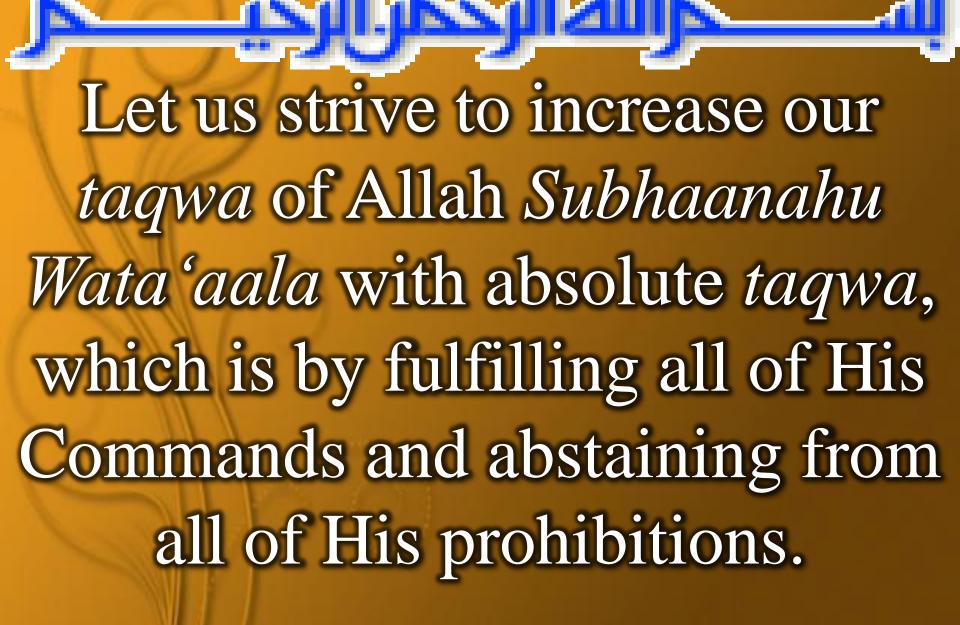




GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS



Indeed, we hope to become individuals having true taqwa and attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Today's khutbah calls upon us to have: "Good Relationship With Others."

Islam has outlined the principles and basis in all aspects of human lives. Among them is the concept of having good relation with others. Islam often reminds us that humans originate

from one ancestry. Therefore, as humans, we are all one family. We are expected to get to know each other and disregard our differences, as Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala

mentions in al-Qur'an: "O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.

Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted."

(al-Hujuraat 49:13)

It is incumbent upon every believer to maintain ties of kinship and to treat others kindly in order to create a community that is united, loving and living in peace and harmony. These actions

are amongst the efforts to fulfill our obligations as believers so that we live in unity. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And hold firmly to the

rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought

your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers..."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:103)

In order to strengthen our bonds as Muslims and to create a loving community, it is obligatory upon every Muslim to stay away from actions that could jeopardize their relationship with each

other. This includes traits such as having bad thoughts of our Muslim brothers and sisters, purposely looking for the faults of others, backbiting, slandering others and so on.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala instructs us to stay away from these vile actions as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an: "O you who have believed, avoid much [negative]

assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other." (al-Hujuraat 49:12)

In safeguarding the relationship with others, Islam encourages us to help those in need, to ease the affairs of others, keeping secrets as confidential, and to cover the fault of others.

Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh reported the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam as saying: "He who alleviates the suffering of a brother out of the sufferings of the world,

Allah would alleviate his suffering from the sufferings of the Day of Resurrection, and he who finds relief for one who is hard pressed, Allah would make things easy for

in the Hereafter, and he who conceals (the faults) of a Muslim, Allah would conceal his faults in the world and in the Hereafter. Allah is at the back of a servant so long as

servant is at the back of his brother..."

(Muslim)

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala also commands that we respect and uphold the rights of others and that

we act justly toward others regardless of religion or belief. The difference in religion or belief should not deter us from maintaining peace and harmony within a community.

Therefore, Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala teaches us the concept of tolerance in order to create peace on earth, as mentioned in al-Qur'an: "And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad],

except as a mercy to the worlds."

(al-Anbiyaa' 21:107)

Narrated 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam said: "Whoever killed a person having a treaty with the Muslims, shall not smell the smell of Paradise though its

smell is perceived from a distance of forty years."

(al-Bukhaari)

Today I remind myself and all of us to reflect within us and contemplate whether we have implemented the

teachings of the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam that we continue to deal kindly with others regardless of their beliefs. Have we actually exemplified the akhlaaq of the Prophet

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam when dealing with people of different faiths who are living under Muslim authority? Let us take this opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our Muslim

brethren, building good relationships with the non-Muslims and intensifying our da'wah to the non-Muslims through collaborations intellectually and in their areas

expertise. Through these efforts and characteristics, we will be able to eradicate any misunderstanding regarding Islam that has been wrongly interpreted and portrayed by the Western

media and enemies of Islam.

"They have been put under humiliation [by Allah] wherever they are overtaken, except for a covenant from Allah and a

rope from the Muslims. And they have drawn upon themselves anger from Allah and have been put under destitution. That is because they disbelieved in the verses of Allah and

killed the prophets without right. That is because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:112)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen



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